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### OPEN DIPLOMACY

Many important movements have sprung from the Y. M. C. A. To study them is to study national and international history, for they have come into being in response to great needs and great aspirations. They have grown into established places of usefulness and leadership in spiritual and economic fields. The Student Volunteer Movement, the World's Student Christian Federation, the Inter-Racial Commission, the Father and Son idea, the National thrift campaign are some of these movements.

Now another great idea, having its source and early nourishment in the Y. M. C. A., has taken definite form. The Institute of Pacific Relations, held in Honolulu in July, brought together men and women from the lands of the Pacific. They discussed social, industrial, political and religious issues affecting relationships among their countries. Those in attendance were not officials of governments, but persons whose experience and wisdom in important branches of life had proved their value as representatives.

### SUNDAY MEETINGS BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

The Sunday afternoon services of the Pine Street Y. M. C. A. will begin Sunday, October 4th at 4 p. m.

Mr. A. G. Lindsey, Chairman of the Sunday Meeting Committee announces that an excellent speaker will deliver the opening address, the congregational singing will be directed by Mr. W. H. J. Beckett. The special music is being arranged by the St. Louis Musical Association. The ushers will be in charge of Mr. E. T. Bramlette of the National Benefit Insurance Co.

### MORE RECORDS SMASHED

Swimming records tumbled right and left during mid-summer, with Y. M. C. A. men coming up prominently in the final accounting.

Walter Spence, Brooklyn Central's luminary, by winning the Metropolitan A. A. U. 300-meter championship medley swim, at North Bergen, N. J. on Aug. 8, "covered 330 yards, or two yards more than 300 meters, in 4:31 2-5, and shattered his own international standard of

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### "Y" FALL OPENING WEEK OCT. 4TH TO 7TH

October 4th to 7th has been named as the Opening Week of all Association Activities. This will be a live occasion at Pine Street when each of the four departments of the work shall launch its program.

Sunday morning, October 4th, will mark the opening of the Bible Study, while that afternoon the Sunday Meetings will begin with a National Speaker to deliver the opening message.

Educational, Physical and Social activities will follow during this opening week. The special attractions shall be free and open to the membership and public at large. Remember the dates, October 4th to 7th, 1925. Line up now for the Big "Y" Program. See Membership Secretary and adjust your membership; see the Educational Director and elect your courses; see the Religious Secretary and choose your Bible Study courses, both Sunday and week-day; see the Physical Director and get your assignment to a physical class.

Sunday—Religious Work Day

Monday—Physical Dept. Day

Tuesday—Boy's Dept. Day

Wednesday—Educational and Social Depts. Day. Public invited.

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE Y. M. C. A.

It is believed that there are hundreds of men and boys in St. Louis who would like to become members of the Y. M. C. A. There are but few Americans if any, to whom the four letters—Y. M. C. A. are not familiar.

The first step in securing a membership in the "Y"—to visit the building, meet every secretary, see all departments; ask for an explanation of each activity; secure an application blank and fill out and remit by cash, or check \$10.00 for a full privilege membership and \$3.00 for a social membership. You may join any day and any hour of the day. Application blanks can be gotten at the general desk or from the Membership Secretary. Join the "Y" today!

### YOUNG MEN SEEK HIGHER EDUCATION

Within a few days the doors of institutions for higher education will open again to welcome the zealous boys and girls who are willing to make the necessary sacrifices that everyone must make if he or she is to kneel down and drink from the crystal fountain of knowledge. Among such seekers will be Messrs. Reginald Merritt, Charles Bouver and John Day of Pine Street Y. M. C. A., who have been employed in this association for several years, months and weeks respectively. Mr. Merritt, who is a product of the Lone Star State (Texas) where aggressive men are born and true character formed, came to St. Louis three years ago and was employed as Desk Clerk at the Pine Street "Y". Like Paul who sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and who was inspired to surmount the intellectual plains and delve into the hidden mysteries of life, Mr. Merritt was inspired by his Executive who is urging him to go forward.

Messrs. Bouver and Day who are products of Sumner High School are also recipients of such inspiration.

How rare it is to find young men of their age willing to betake themselves from the social hoy-pology of such cities as St. Louis and join the band of Christian workers who are striving to mould the character of men and boys, implanting therein the principles of four fold life! As these young men cast their nets into the spiritual stream of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. College our prayers and hopes shall be with them, and as they look forward toward the goal of success may these words of the poet tune their souls:

It isn't the cut of the clothes that you wear

Nor the stuff out of which they are made; The chosen with taste and fastidious care.

It isn't the price that you paid, It isn't the size of your pile in the bank Nor the number of acres you own; It isn't a question of prestige or rank Nor of sinew and muscle and bone.

It isn't the servants that come at your call.

It isn't the things you possess: Whether many or little or nothing at

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## Editorials

### OFF TO SCHOOL

The place and institution from which hundreds of youths sought to be relieved some three months ago now loom before them as just the place in which they find their greatest desire—schools and colleges.

The opportunities for securing an education are so numerous until no man nor woman need go uneducated. The Y. M. C. A. has greatly popularized the evening schools as a medium through which adults in particular may secure specialized education. So great and effective has been this avenue of helping men who for one reason or another have limited training on to places of usefulness until today most of our universities and colleges conduct evening classes in practically every department of their work.

During these days of registration in our day and evening schools the question is raised: "How many under the age of 45 shall register in some school for the improvement of their educational opportunities?" Let us launch a crusade for the purpose of enrolling thousands of girls and boys, women and men in some school.

Now that our boys and girls have entered school may we not encourage them, and so direct their tendencies that the enrollment in our schools will ever increase.

"The time is coming," says Robert E. Lewis, of Cleveland, "when the organization of religion will recognize the sagacity of Abraham Lincoln. He was not a church member. He was so profoundly Christian that he could not accept the divisions and limitations and partial truths of the creeds. About the creeds Lincoln said: 'When any church will inscribe over its altars as its sole qualification for membership, the Savior's

condensed statement of the substance of both law and gospel! 'Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself,' that church will I join with all my heart and all my soul."

"The nation that is best educated in all respects will be the safest and happiest for residence, and it will succeed in all contests with others for supremacy."  
—Judge Elbert H. Gary.

## BILLIARD CAROMS

The mind plays the game of billiards and the mental attitude is necessarily concentration upon:

What you are able to do,  
What you wish to accomplish  
And the shot before you.

Your ability to do certain things will depend upon your KNOWING HOW to do them, so therein lies the very urgent need of practice.

The wish to accomplish what you have planned can only be attained by a thorough knowledge of the effect certain strokes will produce upon the balls and just what position each ball will be in when the stroke is completed.

The shot before you is the one and only problem you have to solve, as each shot is different from any other that you must make and each shot offers a separate and distinct problem that will require an intense concentration of all of your mind, the active exertion of memory, the accurate computation of angles and the forecasting of the relative positions in which to leave the balls after the shot has been successfully made.

So much depends upon the mental attitude of the earnest billiardist, that in the daily activities of all of the dexterous arts and calling, we find that a change in the trend of thought is absolutely necessary and billiards offer just that change, coupled with such physical activity as to make it the ideal after-meal game for surgeons, dentists, lawyers, machinists and desk and bench workers, and in a large measure does billiards restore the loss of nervous control in all callings and vocations.

The secrets of success in billiards are application, concentration and determination.

The stance or balance of the body when shooting is of first importance and one cannot acquire accuracy without leaning the weight of the body on the firmly placed left foot with the right foot serving as a brace for the forward

bend of the torso.

Remember that the muscles and nerves must be free from all strain since they must co-ordinate properly.

The first revelation that impresses one is that if the balls are struck with just the proper degree of force at the proper point, they will complete the carom and come to rest at the exact spots selected by one before the shot is made.

The ivory balls are wonderful mediums for transforming one's thoughts and desires into an every changing diagram of contacts, angles and relative positions and as one's skill increases, one's art is demonstrated in a thorough mastery of the three ivory spheres and with them one may weave a wonderful geometric design so complicated that to the unskilled person it seems that the balls are really and truly alive.

## BILLIARD ROOM NOTES

Dr. Robinson and Paige Brown fought out the mooted question "Can Brown run 15 or no count against 15 points." The result was Robinson 5 games, 1.

Barron the cartoonist was washed away by "Wild Bill" Cody on Labor Day. T. C. Martin is out for Black Ball King. A. L. Harrison has given up banking.

In the first series Hutt vs Dr. Robinson is Black Ball, the score was Hutt 2, Robinson 3.

The 500 point Pocket Billiard contest was: Fred Inge 200, Hutt 182.

Haswell, Draper, Cody Chatten and Ridley are striving hard for Pocket supremacy.

The "Y" A. B. L. are out for Billiard Players Association scalps and are going En Mass to the Brown-Ridley match on Wednesday at 8 p. m.

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all—  
It's service that measures success.

It isn't a question of name and length  
Of ancestral pedigree.

It isn't a question of mental vigor and strength;

Nor a question of social degree.

It isn't a question of doctrine or creed;

It isn't a question of fame or renown

Nor a question of valorous deed.

But he who makes somebody happy each day,

And he who gives heed to distress  
Will find satisfaction the richest of pay—  
For it's service that measures success.

R. Sewell

# Y MARATHON SAT. SEPT. 26th

The Seventh Annual Marathon, one of the outstanding athletic events promoted by Pine Street Y. M. C. A. will be run on Saturday, September 26th. The race this year will be an open event for all boys 17 years and older and young men.

This race has increased in interest and popularity each year and the entries this year are expected to include 25 of St. Louis best runners. The distance will be five miles over a course starting at Skinner Road in Forest Park and terminating at the Y.

There will be three large prizes that will be on display ten days before the race and are sure to spur all to their best efforts.

Entrants must be in by midnight Thursday, Sept. 24th, accompanied by the usual 25ct entry fee. The race is open to all St. Louis boys and East St. Louis. Start training now. The Physical Director will be glad to assist all entrants in preparing for the race. For further information call or correspond with Physical Director at Pine Street Y. M. C. A.

## GYM OPENED TUESDAY SEPT. 8th

The Physical Department threw wide its door last Tuesday after having been closed two weeks for renovation. A clean house and a newly marked floor greeted the noon class men and in spite of the extreme hot weather enjoyed their first work out.

Don't forget to look over the new hand ball court in the southwest corner. This game is popular all over the country and Pine St. athletes now will have a chance to try it out. It's mighty good for those fat stomachs and will put you on edge for most any of our other games.

The gym is open but the full fall program will not swing into action until October. Announcements of same with new features that everyone will enjoy will appear later. The noon classes and swimming classes started Tuesday.

## AT LOBBY DEVOTIONS WEEK OF SEPT. 14th

Mon. Sept. 14th - "The Sense of Want" led by Mr. Procope.  
Tuesday, Sept. 15th - "Restoring a Ruined Life" Led by Mr. R. K. Smith.  
Wed., Sept. 16th - "The Steadfastness of the Lord" Led by Mr. Kimmons.  
Thurs. Sept. 17th - "The Never-Withering Leaf" Led by Mr. B. Smith.  
Fri. Sept. 18th - "The All-Round Defence" Led by Mr. Woodson.  
Sat. Sept. 19th - "The Needs of the Body" Led by Mr. Craft.

## "DOUG'S" PHYSICAL FITNESS

Douglass Fairbanker upon going home of evenings after hard days spent in dueling, rescuing and wooing bright damsels, and playing hob with the criminal classes, finds time to be a member of the Y. M. C. A. Having recently signed for a \$40 business men's club membership in the Los Angeles Association, this tremendously idolized gentleman has given out to the Y. M. C. A. his ideas on physical fitness.

Says Zorro, off-stage; "Every man must have three qualities, enthusiasm, intelligence and courage, in addition to being physically, mentally, and spiritually active." His "spiritually" is interchangeable with "emotionally."

A new campaign for advertising the Y. M. C. A. was begun in cooperation with the motion picture exhibitors upon the opening of "Don Q, Son of Zorro," in New York. Pamphlets advertising the film production and applying the Fairbanks life policy to folks of the world, were supplied in large quantities by the Globe Theatre and distributed by the New York Association. This plan, once adapted to "The Thief of Bagdad," is now being widely used with "Don Q."

"Douglass Fairbanks," says the printed folder, "firmly believes that if the principle he employs in doing his so-called 'stunts' is applied to the everyday problems of life, the result will be unconditional victory. 'When about to perform an athletic feat, Doug' resorts to dynamics. First, he makes a mental picture of the hazard; then he arouses himself to an emotional and spiritual pitch that will stimulate the necessary physical strength and vitality to make victory his reward. 'But,' he cautions, 'a man's physical condition must be such that his muscles will have the strength to respond when called upon.

Fairbanks has the reputation of never using intoxicants in any form.

## VISITORS TO DORM.

Mr. H. W. Sewing, Kansas City, Mo.  
Mr. Ulyses Jones, Xenia, Ohio  
Mr. J. W. Briscoe, Denver, Col.  
Mr. L. Clark, Omaha, Neb.  
Mr. J. W. Hugerley, Jr., Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Aran A. Perry, St. Louis, Mo.

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4:39, hung up at Shark River Hills one week before," said the New York Times. "Robert Hosie, of Central, the only contender, was close up." Edward Gillis, of the same association, won the 110 yard handicap in 1:11 4-5.

## COMMONWEALTH HAD GREAT DAY

Monday, Sept. 7th, the Commonwealth Fellowship Club with Club Room at Pine Street "Y" conducted a Field Day at the Plants, Granite City, Ill. It was largely attended by more than 500 women, men and children, white and colored.

Mr. B. C. Woolfolk, Welfare Director and Mr. Chiles of the Pine Street Staff supported by the Club officials, Messrs. Woodson, Craft and Procope from Pine Street were responsible for this big Holiday event.

The events consisted of relays, races and base ball. The "Y" boys won the exciting game by a score of 8 to 7. These youngsters made the old men bring muscle into play that had not been used since their youth.

Following the physical events a grand band concert by the Commonwealth Band Club officials served an abundance of refreshments. This last feature marked the closing scene of a great day at Commonwealth.

## THE LAWN SENATE

Sits in a deliberate session at 3:30 a. m. and for one hour discusses current topics as they affect our groups.

On Labor Day the question was introduced by Mr. Hamilton of Louisiana: "What effect will the labor conference have upon the Garvey Movement?"

Thornton of Alabama lead off with an impassioned racial plea for Garvey, followed by Kage of Georgia and Willis of Mississippi in a plea for racial submission to the movement and then Scott of Illinois made a rapid attack upon Garvey's propaganda and showed clearly and logically why the American Negro should solve the problems of American life and remain in America.

The session closed with a unanimous vote sustaining Scott's plea.

On September 9th, Chairman Hamilton of Alabama introduced "The Racial Effects of the Wills-Dempsey fight."

Newell of Georgia made the point that the fight would awaken racial reprisals should Wills win. Miles of Kentucky violently opposed the speaker as did Taylor of Illinois, while Ford of Mississippi held that Wills would be afraid to beat a white champion. Wright of Illinois summed up the situation in "Win or lose the race backs Wills."

## CAMP RIVER CLIFF ECHOES

Weil, we are having a big C. R. C. Rally at the "Y" Friday night. If you are a River Chiffer—DON'T MISS IT.

## LAST SESSION OF Y.M.C.A. CAMP ENDS

Water Carnival, Track Meet, Banquet  
And Decision Day Mark Closing  
Days of Camp River Cliff

Camp River Cliff, in the Ozarks:—The fourth and last successful session of Camp River Cliff came to an end Sunday at 4 P. M. when the last happy sessioners formed circle of friendship at the close and the final "Decision Meeting," song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and boarded taxis for the 5:15 Ozark Special.

## Closing Days

The entire fourteen days of the final session were ideal as to weather and excellent as to program, so that at the close of a busy final Saturday the campers gathered around three long banquet tables, all facing the center of the U, forty happy hearts beat with joy as they sang, toasted each other "dear old Camp River Cliff" rendered "uke" solos and duets and partook of the sliced ham, potato salad, lemonade, ice cream, peaches and camp made cakes.

It was on this occasion when the yellow ribbons and sinkers, which denote those who can not swim, were officially removed from the necks of John Benson, Charles Swann and Warrick Whitfield, all of whom learned to swim across the river during the session.

Honorable mention was given David V. Essex, John Pope and Julius Buckner, who also learned to swim but had not passed the swimmer's test when the season ended.

## WATER CARNIVAL PRIZES

The Banquet was the occasion for awarding the Water Carnival and Track Meet prizes. This session's water and track events were especially notable. A new and highly gratifying feature of the Water Carnival was the three-quarter mile swim which was won by life-saver, Elijah Baker, who was crowded close by Joseph Thomas who

came in second. The other results were as follows: Group A and B—50 yd. free style, won by J. Thomas, Wilbert, second, Frank Casey, third. 25 yd. back stroke, won by Wm. B. Walker, J. Thomas, second, W. Culp, third. Three quarter mile swim won by E. Baker, J. Thomas second. Group C—25 yd. free style, won by Howard Johnson, Richard Cason, second, Milton Purnell, third. 25 yd. back stroke won by Howard Johnson with Addison Roberts second. Group D—25 yd. free style won by William McCall, James Abbott second and Leo Finney, third. 25 yd. back stroke, won by Wm. McCall, with James Abbott, second. Beginners—25 yd. free style, won by Chas. Swan, John Benson, second and William Collins, third. Cabin Boat Race won by Cabin 5 with Cabin 2, second.

## Track And Field Winners

Those receiving prize ribbons for field and track meet, which was held Friday and Saturday, are as follows: Group A and B—50 yd. dash won by Chas. Brantly, George Foster, second and Wilbert Culp third. Running high jump won by Clifton Horn, Wilbert Culp second and George Foster third. Running broad jump won by W. Culp, G. Foster second and Hollister Kennedy, third. 440 yd. dash won by C. Horn, C. Brantly, second and W. Warren, third. Group C—50 yd. dash won by Willie Carter, Jerome Reed second and Milton Purnell, third. High jump won by W. Carter, William Jackson, second, Howard Johnson, third. Broad Jump won by W. Carter, Warrick Whitfield, second and H. Johnson, third. Group D—50 yd. dash won by Julius Buckner, Jas. Abbott second and Wm. McCall third. Running High Jump—won by John Pope, James Abbott second and Wm. Collins, third. Running Broad Jump—won by Julius Buckner, Leo Finney, second and John Pope third.

## Last Day

Sunday, the last day started with the

## BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN OCTOBER

The Sunday morning Bible Class will begin with a Lecture Course October 4th at 9:00 A. M. Mr. W. L. White, Chairman announced today. The Bible Study speakers Bureau will announce the name of the Lectures for Oct. on Friday, September 18.

The week day Bible Study will begin Wednesday, October 7th with luncheon in the Assembly Rooms.

setting up exercises and morning "dip" followed by the last sexology study groups and a hot cake breakfast. After clean-up rest hour and "pack up" the campers enjoyed their second chicken on dumplings dinner after which the "Decision Meeting" was held when every camper gave himself up as a more sincere follower of Jesus their Great Leader and Savior. As the meeting closed with song and prayer they filled the cabs and traveled to Bourbon for the joyous trip home. Camping was a grand and glorious experience for every body who spent even a day in Camp River Cliff. Chef Jack Polk and Milton Purnell, who remained in Camp from July 21st to Sept. 6th declare that "C. R. C." is really the best place on earth.

## LEADER-TRAINING CLASS STARTS

The Annual Leader-Training Course for boys begins Monday. Letters to the boys who have earned the opportunity of taking this course will be received today (Friday).

Only twenty boys will be invited to take part in this important training course, IF YOU ARE ONE do not fail to respond with all that is in you. Leaders are needed—not only in the "Y"—but in the world as well—and there will always be a place of importance awaiting a leader with proper training.

HUNDREDS EAT DAILY

AT THE

Pine Street **Y** Cafeteria

and are satisfied